

VICTORY COMES FOR PRESIDENT ON FIRST BALLOT

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Further proceedings. A great majority of the Roosevelt delegates in the Illinois and all in the Missouri, and Idaho delegation declined to follow this advice, but Colonel Roosevelt was away over the delegations from California, Kansas, Maine, Minnesota, Nebraska, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, and West Virginia was all but absolute.

Most of the delegates from these States announced their purpose of helping to give Mr. Roosevelt an independent nomination at another hall later in the evening.

Proceedings Fulfilled. The split in the convention was but a fulfillment of predictions that had been made during the past several days. The closing scenes were marked by a counter-demonstration for President Taft and Colonel Roosevelt.

The first test vote after the announcement of the Roosevelt victory came on the adoption of the party platform. The affirmative vote was 667, Roosevelt delegates not voting numbered 342.

There were fifty-six votes, thirty-five of them from the La Follette State, of Wisconsin, and North Dakota.

Senator Robert M. La Follette, of Wisconsin, was placed before the convention by the Roosevelt delegates, and his name was carried out by the Roosevelt delegates, and they remained silent during the call of the States for nominations. Many of the delegates, however, carried out their primary instructions and voted for the Colonel.

On the voting for President the Roosevelt delegates and La Follette remained silent. The detailed vote was: Taft, 561; Roosevelt, 107; La Follette, 41; Cummins, 17; Hughes, 2; not voting, 344; absent, 6.

At times during the balloting the convention was in great confusion.

To Day's Work. The fifth day of the convention, the day on which the delegates have been on the job of nominating a President, began at 10:45, when Senator Root's gavel whacked the table in a somewhat vigorous stroke. The Roosevelt delegates and La Follette delegates were seated at the front of the hall, and a few delegates were in their seats. It was a weary and faded-looking lot of delegates and alternates who came into the Coliseum this morning.

There were a few vacant seats in the gallery this morning, and few left their seats through the long day's session.

The session was opened with prayer by John Wesley Hill, a close friend of President Taft, who has been stumping for him. He prayed fervently for the President, and that the country might be spared from revolution. "Bill" Flinn and his Pennsylvania delegates were seen to smile. The Roosevelt delegates were taken up and the Taft delegates, as usual, seated with a viva voce vote. The viva voce vote began soon to provoke hoots and yells. First would come the "yays" in a great volume of sound, and then the "noes" in an even greater volume, and when Senator Root would announce that the "yays" had it, the Roosevelt men yelled derisively.

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